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MEMORANDUM

OCTOBER 19, 2018

RE: **BBO Public Reprimand No. 2018-13**
In re: Peter S. Farber – B.B.O. NO. 544182

FROM: Joseph Berman
Board General Counsel

Enclosed please find a copy of the **Order of Public Reprimand and Summary** in re: **Peter S. Farber** whose registration address according to his/her latest records with the Board of Bar Overseers is given below.

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PETER S. FARBER

Public Reprimand No. 2018-13

Order (public reprimand) entered by the Board on October 11, 2018.

SUMMARY¹

On October 28, 2015, the respondent admitted to sufficient facts in the Orleans District Court to assault and battery in violation of M.G.L. c. 265, §13A(a). An admission to sufficient facts is included in the definition of “conviction” contained in S.J.C. Rule 4:01, Section 12(1). The matter was continued without a finding for six months.

The respondent’s conviction was based upon the following. The respondent was representing his wife in a dispute with her brother over their mother’s estate. The personal representative of the mother’s estate, a lawyer, was attempting to finalize the sale of the mother’s house to the respondent’s wife. The wife’s brother still lived in the house. The personal representative was at the house to inspect it prior to relinquishing it to the wife. The respondent insisted that his wife was then entitled to possession of the house and the personal representative disagreed. When the personal representative stood in the front doorway to block the respondent’s entrance, the respondent used unjustified force upon the personal representative to gain access to the house. The personal representative was not injured, but the respondent fully recognizes the seriousness of his misconduct.

In mitigation of the respondent’s misconduct, the respondent complied with the terms of his probation, as a result of which the criminal charge was dismissed at the end of the continuance period. Further, the respondent was representing his wife in the dispute and allowed the emotions of the situation to cloud his judgment and influence his conduct.

In aggravation of the respondent’s misconduct, the respondent received a public reprimand in 2011 for misconduct unrelated to that involved in the current case. Matter of Farber, 27 Mass. Att’y Disc. R. 249 (2011).

This matter came before the Board of Bar Overseers on a stipulation of facts and disciplinary violations and a joint recommendation for discipline by public reprimand. The board adopted the parties’ recommendation and imposed a public reprimand.

¹ Compiled by the Board of Bar Overseers based on the record of proceedings before the board.